IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.: 09/963,435 Examiner: Chankong, Dohm Filed: September 27, 2001 Group/Art Unit: 2452 Inventors: 5681-78901 Atty. Dkt. No: Daniel Blaukopf, et al. Title: Method and Protocol for **Mediating Communication** Between Software **Applications**

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF DECEMBER 16, 2008

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action of December 16, 2008, to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance.

Please amend the case as listed below.